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to attend the convention. Home by Toronto or Ottawa. It will be quite delightful & inspiring to see you again if I can come but the Indian job is so enormous & difficult that I may have to abandon London direct from Calcutta after all & Canada

With our kindest remembrances to Lady Falconer I am

Yours very sincerely

W. C. Sadler

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Dear Later as from THE UNIVERSITY, LEEDS,

August 27. 1917

My dear President,

When your letter of July 25 came, I showed it to my colleague Rhys Roberts, a brilliant friend of mine and an influential member of the executive of the Classical Association who knows more of the foreign classical scholars than I do.

Today (he has been away) I have received his confidential memorandum for him - which he allows me to forward to you.

T R Glover I know or love. His classical work is first rate, genuine,

but I know him best as the
Student & Christian side. He
is grim in appearance, tender
in sympathies, a clever man,
a ready speaker, and a
keen thinker on the several
problems & subjects of conduct. He
would be a strong man of
influence & weight in any Governing
& Native. I do not know anything
of his administrative abilities or
business side.

Hyde I do not know. Robertson
speaks of him.

Livingstone came to Lucknow

to the Clerical Conference with Jan.
a white-looking young man, with
a striking face, of great power &
fine and copious expression. He
comes & a good scholarly stock. I know
nothing of his statesmanship or personal
intimacies.

I may come to Calcutta for
the June. Next week I have to go
to India first for on a very difficult
Set - Chairmanship of the Calcutta Univ.
Commission. If I can finish my work in,
I go to Japan (for its Coronation & Durbar)
& Peking & Hong Kong (also journalistic
purposes) & reach & Vancouver when I want

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The University,
Glasgow,
Nov. 7. 1917.

Principal Hutton,
University College,
Toronto.

Sir,

Chair of Latin in University College, Toronto.

Professor Haverfield of Oxford informs me that he has sent my name to you for your consideration, with the remark that some testimonials may follow. I beg leave therefore to submit to you the accompanying testimonials, together with this statement regarding my career and experience.

I am forty-five years of age, and am a Master of Arts of the Universities of Glasgow and Oxford. My course as an under--graduate in Glasgow dated from 1888 to 1893, during which years I obtained several leading distinctions. In 1894 I entered on resid--ence as an Open Classical Exhibitioner of Christ Church, Oxford. I was placed in the First Class in Honours Classical Moderations in 1896 and again in the First Class in Literae Humaniores in 1898.

From 1898 to 1903 I held the post of Classical Lecturer in Hackney, New, and Regent's Park Colleges, London, where I was recognised by the University of London as a Teacher of Classics for its Internal Degrees.

In 1900 I was appointed Preliminary Examiner in Classics for three years in Glasgow University. During 1901 and 1902 I served on the Joint Board of the Scottish Universities as Glasgow's representative in Classics.

In October 1903, I was appointed Senior Lecturer in Latin in Glasgow University, a post which I have held continuously from that date. During the absence of Professor G.G. Ramsay in Session/

Principal Hutton.

Session 1905-6 I was left in charge of the Humanity Department, and when he resigned in 1906 I was a candidate for the Chair, which was ultimately filled by the transference of Professor Phillimore from the Professorship of Greek.

From 1908 to 1911 I was Secretary of the Classical Association of Scotland. I published in 1912 a volume entitled Primitive Christianity and its Non-Jewish Sources, being a trans--lation of Die Religions-geschichtliche Erklaerung des Neuen Testaments by Professor Carl Clemen of Bonn University.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Robert G. Nisbet.

From the late The Right Reverend BISHOP PAGET, LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

CUDDESDON,
WHEATLEY (OXON.), *25th June, 1906.*

THE Bishop of Oxford, having, when he was Dean of Christ Church, well known Mr. ROBERT G. NISBET as an Exhibitioner of the House, gladly bears witness to the excellent character which he bore there, and to the steady industry with which he used his good ability and scholarly mind. In readiness to learn Mr. NISBET showed the promise of power to teach; and his strenuous and keen and careful work can hardly fail to tell in any task entrusted to him.

From J. A. STEWART, Esq., M.A., LL.D., *Student and Tutor of Christ Church, Oxford; Whyte's Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Oxford.*

Christ Church,
Oxford, 18*th June*, 1906.

Mr. R. G. Nisbet tells me that he wishes to lay before the Electors to the vacant Professorship of Humanity in the University of Glasgow some evidence of the impression which his undergraduate work at Christ Church, eight years ago, made on those who taught him, and asks me, as one of them, to say something which may contribute.

Mr. Nisbet's two Firsts in Classics, of course, speak for themselves so far, and it is unnecessary to say that his work in College was that of a sound scholar and showed good ability; that was its general quality, but I should like to add a word about what I may call its personal quality. It was very quiet, unobtrusive work, which one came to recognise as being of fine texture, and the English style in which the thought was expressed was exceptionally good—simple and adequate, with many a touch of literary tact.

Although what struck me most in Mr. Nisbet's work was its fine texture and literary quality, I must not omit to say that, when occasion offered, he could produce work which seemed to show that he had it in him to do well in some branch of learned research, should circumstances afterwards lead him to take it up. Whether he has had leisure since he left Oxford to engage in any such research I do not know; I only speak of what appeared to me eight years ago to be promise.

J. A. STEWART.

[Professor Stewart has kindly permitted the use of this testimonial on the present occasion.]

From S.G. Owen, Esq., M.A., Censor and Tutor of
Christ Church, Oxford.

Christ Church,
Oxford,
October 29, 1917.

I have great pleasure in supporting the candidature of Mr. R.G. Nisbet for the Professorship of Latin at University College, Toronto, and in recommending him to the favourable consideration of the Electors. Mr. Nisbet was my pupil when at Christ Church, and I know him well. He obtained a First Class in both the Classical Schools, in Moderations in 1896 and in Literae Humaniores in 1898. He is a thoroughly sound scholar, of wide reading and considerable ability. He is more--over a conscientious and energetic worker and by the example of his own industry and the interest he takes in his work, and by his unaffected modesty and kindliness, he will I feel sure stimulate his pupils and advance the study of his subject. Of his work as a teacher others will speak. I have long felt that Mr. Nisbet's powers qualify him for holding an independent position such as he now seeks.

S. G. OWEN,
M.A. Censor and Tutor of Christ Church.

From Herbert W. Blunt, Esq., M.A., Student and Tutor
of Christ Church, Oxford.

Christ Church,
Oxford,
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I understand that my old pupil Mr. R.G. Nisbet is standing for the Latin Chair in University College, Toronto. He is a sound scholar and an industrious worker and his career with us was a brilliant one, ending with one of the two best ~~parts~~ firsts of his year in Literae Humaniores. He has since those days acquired the necessary experience in the Humanity Department at Glasgow. His dozen or so years work there is very highly spoken of. Indeed in these days his services may prove all but irreplaceable. I believe him highly qualified by attainments, character and experience for the post for which he is standing.

HERBERT W. BLUNT, M.A.
Student and Tutor of
Christ Church, Oxford.

Principal of Lancashire College, Manchester; formerly

From THE REVEREND WILLIAM H. BENNETT, M.A., Litt.D., D.D., *Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in Hackney and New Colleges, London.*

HACKNEY COLLEGE,
HAMPSTEAD, N.W., 21*st June*, 1906.

MR. R. G. NISBET, M.A., was for five years Classical Lecturer to the united classes formed by three London Colleges—Hackney, New, and Regent's Park—to prepare students for the examinations of the University of London. I was a member of the Board of Management of these classes, and had ample opportunity of learning the character of MR. NISBET'S work.

Under MR. NISBET'S tuition several of our students were successfully prepared in the classics of the Matriculation, Intermediate, and Final B.A., and of the Intermediate B.D. examinations. MR. NISBET won the affection and esteem of the students, and his teaching was highly appreciated by them. His genial disposition made him a pleasant and helpful colleague, and his insight into character was constantly of service to us. The discipline and organization of his classes were entirely satisfactory.

I understand that MR. NISBET is applying for the Latin Professorship at the University of Glasgow, and I feel that his sound scholarship, his gifts as a teacher, and his power of influencing and interesting students qualify him for the post.

WM. H. BENNETT.

From JOHN HARROWER, Esq., M.A., LL.D., Professor of Greek in the University of Aberdeen; formerly President of the Classical Association of Scotland.

The University,
Old Aberdeen, 31st Oct. 1917.

I have known Mr. R.G. Nisbet for some years, first as a highly valued colleague on the Joint Board of the Scottish Universities' Preliminary Examination, and later as Secretary of the Scottish Classical Association. It is impossible to speak too highly of his work in these capacities. From the intimate relation into which I was brought with Mr. Nisbet, I could not fail to note that he was possessed of a rare faculty for management and ad--ministration. He displayed admirable tact in dealing with more than one difficult situation, and the not inconsiderable business of the Classical Association ran with perfect smoothness under his guidance. Although I know something of his scholarship by repute, it is on his personal qualities that I have best right to lay stress, and I can say with confidence that there are few men who unite with their learning the qualities of tactfulness, evenness of temper, and sound judgment to the same extent as Mr. Nisbet. I have much pleasure in supporting his candidature for the Chair of Latin at University College, Toronto.

J. HARROWER.

From the late W. R. HARDIE, Esq., M.A., LL.D., *Professor of Humanity in the University of Edinburgh.*

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
March, 1910.

MR. R. G. NISBET served as a Member of the Joint Board of Examiners of the Scottish Universities at a time when I was Convener of the Committee on Classics.

I formed a high opinion of the care and ability shown by him in practical matters and in the work of examining. Arrangements for which he was responsible required no further supervision; one could rely upon their being carried into effect with accuracy and good sense; and I found him in general a most reasonable and efficient colleague. His estimate of the merits of candidates seemed very just and uniform.

Co-operation on the Joint Board did not afford much opportunity of gauging his attainments in classical learning generally, but I came to regard him as a good scholar, possessed of sound knowledge, and able to use it effectively. More recently Mr. NISBET has been Honorary Secretary to the Classical Association of Scotland, and I have been aware of his work in that capacity. This has confirmed my belief in his aptitude for business. Mr. NISBET is a man of energy and public spirit, with enlightened views on educational matters and sound educational experience.

W. R. HARDIE.

From Gilbert A. Davies, Esq., M.A., Professor
of Greek in the University of Glasgow

University of Glasgow,
Novr. 2. 1917.

Mr. R.G. Nisbet has asked me to state my opinion of his qualifications for a Classical Professorship.

I have known Mr. Nisbet for more than ten years, and have pleasure in saying that I have formed a very high opinion of his attainments and his character. He is an excellent scholar and a genuine student; being industrious, energetic, and devoted to his work, he neglects no opportunity of widening his knowledge or deepening his understanding of his subjects; and he is moreover an unusually zealous and efficacious teacher.

In his work with colleagues I have always found Mr. Nisbet altogether reasonable and pleasant, and I am sure that in an important and responsible post he would prove himself a judicious, unsparing and successful worker.

GILBERT A. DAVIES,
Professor of Greek in the University
of Glasgow.

From GEORGE G. RAMSAY, Esq., M.A., LL.D., Litt.D., *Emeritus Professor of Humanity in the University of Glasgow.*

Drumore,
Blairgowrie, 26*th June*, 1906.

Mr. Robert G. Nisbet was one of the best students who ever passed through my hands. Attending my Class for three successive years from 1888-9 to 1890-1, he carried off the First Prize alike in the Middle, the Senior, and the Honours Class, as well as the First Prize for Latin Prose Composition in the Honours Division; and in every single examination that he had to do during those three years he obtained an Honours mark, *i.e.*, at least 75 per cent of the total marks obtainable.

He graduated with Honours in Classics in 1894; and in that year he obtained an Open Classical Exhibition at Christ Church, Oxford, where he gained a First Class in Moderations (the strictly Classical School) in 1896, and again in 1898 he was placed in the First Class in the Final School of Literæ Humaniores, in which School Philosophy holds a place not less important than Classics.

After taking his Oxford Degree, he spent five years as Classical Lecturer in three London Nonconformist Colleges, in which position he was recognised by the University of London as a Lecturer on Classics with a view to its Internal Degrees.

In 1900 the post of Preliminary Examiner in Classics for the University of Glasgow became vacant; and from my own knowledge of Mr. Nisbet's excellent scholarship, backed by the testimony of those who could speak to his more recent work, I invited him to offer himself for the post. I found him admirable as a Co-Examiner, both in the setting and the judging of papers; and as a member of the Joint Board of Examiners during 1901 and 1902 he showed a justice and firmness of judgment which won the respect of his colleagues from the other Universities.

After this proof of his practical capacity, I had no hesitation in offering him my own Senior Assistantship when it beeame vacant in 1903; and he has discharged the duties of that post since then in a most admirable manner. As Senior Assistant he has taken his share in every part of the Class work, both at the University and at Queen Margaret College. He has lectured to both Divisions of the Ordinary Graduating Class; he has delivered Prelections twice a week to the Honours Class; he has conducted advanced classes in Latin Prose Composition and in Unseen Translation, and has taken a large share in all Class Examinations.

I have never had a better Assistant. He has never had a difficulty with discipline. No trouble is too great for him: he is exact in every detail of class organisation. In the setting and marking of papers, in all matters relating to subjects and methods of work,

I have found myself able to rely entirely upon his judgment. He understands and sympathises with the difficulties and needs of students, and has done all he can to assist them by private advice and otherwise; he has taken much interest in the Classical Society (the Alexandrian), preparing papers for it, presiding, and joining in its discussions; and I believe his excellent teaching has largely contributed to the success of our students in recent Oxford Examinations.

During the past Session of 1905-6, owing to my own absence through ill-health, MR. NISBET has had entire charge of the Latin Class, including the superintendence of the work of two Assistants. I have been enabled, through constant reports, to follow all that has passed during the Session; and I can say with confidence that the Class, in every respect, has been admirably conducted. The whole programme of the winter's work has been effectively carried out; and under circumstances of no little difficulty MR. NISBET has shown unmistakably that he is a man who will permit no trifling or irregularities on the part of his students.

He is a sound, accurate, and well-read scholar. His English style is excellent, being at once finished and forcible; and his teaching has that literary and historical flavour which is essential for interesting and stimulating a University Class. He has tact, patience, temper, firmness, and a healthy sense of humour; and I feel no doubt that if he were appointed to the Humanity Chair he would fill the position excellently.

G. G. RAMSAY.

[For a further testimonial from Professor Ramsay see the next page.]

38 Onslow Gardens,
London S.W.,
3rd. Nov. 1917.

Since the year 1906, when I gave up my Chair in the University of Glasgow, I have kept in constant touch with Mr. Nisbet and his work; and I can confirm, in every respect, my Testimonial of June 26th of that year.

In addition, I have had since then the advantage of his assistance in preparing my translation of Tacitus; and I can speak in the highest terms of the accurate scholarship, the fine sense of English, and sound judgment which he showed in that collaboration.

I believe him to be admirably fitted for such a post as that of Professor of Latin in University College, Toronto.

G. G. RAMSAY.

From John S. Phillimore, Esq., M.A., LL.D., Professor of Humanity in the University of Glasgow.

The University,
Glasgow, 5th November 1917.

Mr. R.G. Nisbet, M.A., informs me that he has decided to offer himself as a candidate for the vacant Chair at Toronto, and I have much pleasure in writing to support his application.

He has been known to me for a good many years. He added a brilliant degree at Oxford to a brilliant University career at Glasgow, and his abilities made a deep impression on some of the most distinguished Oxford teachers of his time. Many years of successful experience have confirmed the promise of his accomplishments as a student.

Professor Ramsay can speak of his services as Lecturer Assistant to himself. But it was during Professor Ramsay's absence on a year's leave that I was first able to judge of Mr. Nisbet's practical and administrative capabilities. I had known before how highly Professor Ramsay valued his services, but in the year 1905-6 Mr. Nisbet was called upon to undertake the control and organization of some 400 students, men and women, at short notice, and under all the difficulties which attend a substitute's administration. He came through this hard test with extraordinary success from every point of view, both in relation to his subordinate colleagues and his students.

For the last eleven years Mr. Nisbet has been my Colleague in the Humanity Department, and I find it impossible to speak too highly of his qualities. Experienced and acceptable as a teacher in all grades of our work, from the lowest to the most advanced, he has taken a share in every class. He has been in chief/

chief charge, virtually independent, of the teaching at Queen Margaret College. He is a Strict Disciplinarian, but nevertheless a very sympathetic teacher who takes a personal and individual interest in his pupils; and in the office work of the Department, the somewhat complicated organization of Latin in four or five classes, with a difficult time-table to adjust, his excellent memory and business-like sense of method have been of the utmost service. He is reliable at all times and for all purposes. He is also thoroughly familiar with all the problems of Scottish Secondary Education, both from his experience as an examiner and from close personal relations with many Glasgow schools. His help and counsel have enabled me to carry out several important changes in the curriculum. Having himself an unusually broad range of accomplishments and interests beyond his special study of Classics, Mr. Nisbet is thoroughly alive to the need of revised methods of teaching and closer co-operation and mutual adaptation between the older and the modern disciplines in education.

He is a very sound scholar, widely read and of the strictest accuracy in method. Given the opportunity, he will certainly publish original work that will reflect credit on the University with which his name will be connected.

I beg to recommend him to the electors as a man into whose hands the charge of a famous chair like Toronto might confidently be committed.

J. S. PHILLIMORE.

The President

(M. H.)

767 University St.
Jan. 11th. 1918

My dear Sir Robert,

Thanks very much indeed for your exceedingly kind and dear letter. There are many things about the prospect of going to Toronto that are extremely attractive to me. Would you give me a few days to think it? Things have changed somewhat since I expressed an unconditional willingness to go. A considerable part of the attraction lay in the chance of paving the way for such a Carnegie Pension as one could expect to live on fairly decently. And it seems now our Governors are thinking of raising our Salaries here; which makes some difference. I have not said a word to Sir William Peterson yet. I will speak to him on Tuesday next. I can't do it sooner because I have to speak to Trades Co. tomorrow and to a public audience on Monday night

all under the disadvantage of rather a hard cold.
So I shall wait until all that is over before
speaking to him. I hate the job. He has been
very good to me - much better than I
deserve. But I hope he may see that this
is a good chance to make some permanent
arrangement about the classics here such as
may be expected to hold water after both
he and I have retired into a studious
leisure on the banks of Lake Geneva or
somewhere - the city of our old friend Calvin
has always had great charms for me.
Expecting to write you on Tuesday night
I am with many thanks

Yours very sincerely
John Macnaughton.

767 University St.
Jan. 12th. 1916

Dear Sir Robert,

Sir William Peterson has had a stroke of paralysis. He was with me at a meeting 7 Tuesday and left me there while he went off to another meeting in a Church here at which Harry Lauder was to speak and he to take the chair. I understand they had just sung the evening hymn when he had to be helped out and was taken to the Hospital. No one knows yet how bad it is.

This of course makes it impossible for me to speak to him on Tuesday. Will you let me have some days to think and see what is likely to happen. If he has to give up work here I don't want to stay in Montreal, I would then greatly prefer Toronto. If on the other hand he is likely to so

or for some years it would seem almost impossible
disloyal in me to desert him.

With kindest regards I remain

Yours very sincerely

John Macnamara

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

January 11th'18

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

Toronto,Ont.

My dear Sir Robert:-

When in Chicago I met Prof.Laing and the talk turned chiefly on the classical men of our time and their work since graduation. I found that Laing was most enthusiastic in regard to the merits of Shipley's achievements,and as there is no personal or other bond connecting them,other than the fact that Shipley was a Chicago student for a time,I thought I ought to pass on to you the gist of Laing's most favorable estimate. That he has built up one of the best departments in the country on a sound and permanent basis,that he is a strong influence in the life of the city and the whole country and is regarded as one of the first citizens of St.Louis, that he selects as subjects for public lectures significant phases in the life of Greece and Rome and presents them in such a way as to awaken a widespread interest and an excellent educational result. I was delighted,of course,to hear all this. I knew Shipley had great ability and I knew there was nothing in his mind or temperament that was inconsistent with this achievement,but it

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is possible that some have not given Shipley credit for the great fineness of fibre that accompanies his mental strength, but certainly Prof. Laing is not one of these.

Very sincerely yours,

James A. MacLean.
S&M.

President

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EDINBURGH

Jan. 15. 1918

My dear Falconer

It is always a pleasure to hear from you, whatever may be the reason for your letter. No. I had not heard of Prof. Fletcher's death & was sorry to get the news. One always found him so courteous & genial. You will indeed want a man of your eminence for so important a post, & the position ought to command such a man. R.G. Hicks of Glasgow has evidently an excellent record of scholarship. He also seems to be able to teach very efficiently, tho' a man of reticent, with an attractive personality. Apparently, discipline is not a strong point in his case, although Glasgow students, if they be the same breed as a particularly hearty crew. I can't help feeling, however, as you do, that a man well over 40, who has remained a lecturer at a Scottish University, does not suggest the type of person whom you have a right to expect for your Chair. T.R. Glover I know did good time in connexion with the Student

Christie Grant in which he takes an enthusiastic interest. He is, of course, a first-class scholar, a fascinating lecturer, & told, & a man of a remarkably frank transparent love to bluntness. With the people of the S.C. he is tremendously popular, and in congenial surroundings would, I do not think, be sure to do well. What do the people at Queen's think of him? How long has he been there for now? I imagine that the prospects at Cambridge in the meantime are not too rosy for a man in his position, but might be well worth while to sound him. I don't think there would be any risk of Pacifism in his case. I have never heard that -ism attributed to him. He & his instincts are right. I know from conversation with him that he has a warm side to Canada. Have you ever met the name before of John Fraser, of Aberdeen? He is Sorley's chief assistant in the Latin department, & I have heard a great deal about him from Sorley, who always looks me up when he comes to town.

Fraser is a Highlander, a scholar of extraordinary brilliance, who, after distinguishing himself

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Dear [illegible] a classical scholarship at Trinity, Cambridge, & took a splendid place there. Some consider him the best unaffected linguist in Europe, & already his name is well known on the Continent through his contributions to learned Journals. He is a great authority in Comparative Philology, an expert in the Celtic languages & skilled in also the Indo-European Group. At present he is engaged in the War Office on confidential linguistic work. He graduated at Cambridge about 1910. He is, according to Sarita, a man of unusually attractive character, very modest & refined, a genuine Highlander, belonging to one of the Old Roman Catholic districts of Inverness-shire, a Roman Catholic himself, like his chief, Lord Lovat & so many of his clan. Sarita always speaks of him with unbounded Eulogy, & she has known him, first as his teacher in Aberdeen,

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Lately, as his Colleagues, for at least 15 years.

There is only one other name that occurs to me, & there no idea whether the man would be available, Mr Cyril Bailey, Fellow of Balliol, one of the best Classical Scholars at Oxford. He is, I think, about 30 & 40, a man of fine taste & splendid Scholarship. His wife is a daughter of the late Bishop Creighton. I have learnt a great deal of him within the last few years, & able to his advantage. He also might be worth considering.

If you wish information on any body else whose name came before you, it will be a privilege for me to do anything I can.

I am thankful, indeed that all the Shackleton Canada Trip did splendidly & the occasion.

With warm regard to Mrs Talbot & yourself in which my wife joins

Yours very sincerely
H. A. A. Kennedy

Confidential

Magdalen College,
Oxford.
January 31st. 1918.

Sir Robert A. Falconer D.Litt., etc., etc.,
President of the University of Toronto.
Toronto.
Canada.

My dear Sir.

Chair of Latin at Toronto.

A short time ago my friend Mr. Urquhart, of Balliol College, came to me to ask me if I knew of any possible candidate for the very important Chair of Latin in your University. He placed in my hands a brief Memorandum, sent him, I believe, by Prof. Kennedy, written on your behalf, and indicating in general terms what was required. I hesitated to write to you direct as I expected to hear more through him, but as I have not done so I think it best if you will allow me, to write to you without delay. It so happens that I believe I know of the very man. He is an old pupil of my own, whom I have known through all his mature life, and of whom I can speak with unusual confidence. He is Professor David A. Slater, now Professor of Latin in the University of London. He has had a remarkable and varied career, and has been strikingly successful as a teacher wherever he has gone.

Let me put it briefly, and I will write to you further if you would

Sir Robert A. Falconer.

like to know more.

He is now ~~just approaching~~ a little over 50, but I do not suppose you will mind that, because, in the first place, for such a post you require a man of some standing, and in the second place, all the really young men of any energy and force are fighting, or serving, and are not available.

He came to us from Bromsgrove School, which produced Professor A.E. Housman of Cambridge, winning a Demyship in Classics. He took a First Class in Classical Moderations, and a Second in the Final School, but was further, marked out as one of the best scholars of his generation, showing, in particular, a strong bent for Latin, and becoming a favourite pupil of Robinson Ellis. He then went as chief Classical Master to Bath College, where he was brilliantly successful, producing from that small school a string of remarkable scholars who won the highest classical distinctions here and at Cambridge, among them being conspicuous Mr. Garrod, Fellow of Merton, and Mr. Cole, Assistant Master at Rugby, whose names you may know. Then he went, for a short time, to King's School, Canterbury, where again he was successful, and then to Stonyhurst College, where he immediately unearthed and developed Mr. Martindale, one of the most

brilliant Latin scholars who have come to Oxford recently. After a year there, at my recommendation he passed on to Glasgow, as Lecturer and Assistant to Professor Ramsay. Here again, in a very different milieu, he showed his remarkable gifts, approving himself alike to his students and to his Colleagues, esp. Professor Phillimore and then went for seven years to University College, Cardiff, where again he did remarkable work. For the last three years he has been Professor of Latin in London University, and at Bedford College.

He published, in 1900, a very interesting, clever volume of Translations into Latin and Greek Verse, called Tentamina one of the best of the kind.

In 1908 he contributed to the Oxford University Series of Translations a Translation of Statius' Silvae, with an Introduction, again a volume which stands out in its class.

But he has now finished a much more important work, what is really a Magnum Opus, a Critical Edition of the Metamorphoses of Ovid, for the well known series of the Scriptorum Classicorum Bibliotheca Oxoniensis.

Sir Robert A. Falconer.

This is one of the great books, of course, of the world. and it is also, as you know, a very long, and complicated book, and Slater's work therefore may be regarded as a Magnum Opus. It is now in the hands of the University Press.

He is also continually contributing to learned periodicals.

He is a most high-minded, devoted and loyal fellow, extremely eager and keen. What I would dwell on is that while he is very good at Greek he is essentially a scholar who has specialized in Latin, which is what I think you want. He is equally good as a researcher, and a teacher, a rare combination. He is also much interested in general literature, full of public spirit, a keen Imperialist. He has succeeded equally with every variety of pupil. Altogether I do not think you could find a more appropriate, or more likely man.

The only difficulty is as to whether you can make it worth his while? He is married to a very accomplished, attractive lady, the daughter of Mr. T.W. Dunn, his former chief, the well known Headmaster of Bath College, and he has one son now a boy of about 14 or 15. I think he would

come if the value of the Professorship were a little more than I understand it is, and if there were the prospect of a substantial pension.

The latter perhaps is the more important point of the two. Can you tell me exactly what you would offer, and further, whether you would be prepared to pay the expenses for himself, his wife and son getting out to Toronto? I would strongly advise you not to miss the chance of getting him for he seems to me exactly to correspond to what you ask for.

I may add that I know Toronto. Many years ago I was offered a Professorship there myself, and went out to see the place. I was very much taken with it, although in those days it was, of course, nothing like what it is now, and I hesitated a good deal about declining, but there was some uncertainty about the actual offer made and the prospects it carried, and finally I decided not to accept. My very old friend, who is still with you, Professor Maurice Hutton, I am glad to say, was appointed. I am writing a line to him too as I have not the pleasure of your own acquaintance, but I have not gone into any details or indeed said much to him about Slater as I would rather leave it to you.

Sir Robert A. Falconer.

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June 15, 1914.

I count it an honour to be allowed to support the application of Professor DAVID SLATER for the newly founded Chair of Latin at Bedford College in the University of London. The distinction of his contribution to Latin scholarship and his long and brilliant record as a teacher make it certain that he would add honour to any Chair of Latin in Great Britain.

Professor SLATER's writings in Latin and English Verse are not merely marked by fine technique, but, if I may be allowed to say so, they show a vein of genuine inspiration. And few contributions to the study of Latin poetry have the same dignity, depth of knowledge, or depth of feeling, as Professor SLATER's translation of the *Silvae* of Statius. The fanciful style and the varying tone of these poems present a difficult problem; but the spontaneity and delicate workmanship of Professor SLATER's rendering make it an addition of value to English literature. In the course of this work he made a searching examination of the Latin text with results whose value has been recognized at home and abroad.

The same qualities appear in two lectures which Professor SLATER has delivered in Manchester in recent years, one on Catullus (since published), and one on the *Metamorphoses* of Ovid. Each lecture was received with delight by a large audience, a result especially difficult to attain in dealing with such a poet as Ovid; but Professor SLATER's insight pierced the mask of Ovid's style, and seized the real personality of the poet in a way which, I think, has never been done before. It is no small gain to Latin scholarship that he is now engaged in editing the text of the *Metamorphoses*, and has spent some months in Paris, Copenhagen, and Florence in studying its chief sources.

It has happened that I preceded Professor SLATER in his present Chair; that I have visited Cardiff and seen many of his colleagues every year since I left; that I have lectured more than once to his students; and that for two years I have been closely associated with one of them, Professor A. E. Codd (now of Queen's University, Ontario), among my colleagues at Manchester. I am able, therefore, to speak from direct knowledge of the veneration with which Professor SLATER is regarded by his pupils. He has never spared himself in the effort to give them enlightened guidance, and he would often spend many hours to secure the results of recent research on some particular passage for a class of Pass students.

Professor SLATER is a severe critic of his own work, and all he publishes is certain to bear the same mark of high distinction. He is a devoted teacher with the power of inspiring both large classes and individual pupils with enthusiasm for Latin poetry and the great humane ideals which it represents; and in this power there are few, if any, other living teachers of Latin known to me by acquaintance or repute whom I should venture to compare with him.

R. S. CONWAY.

Joint-Editor of 'The Journal of Philology'

From H. W. GARROD, *M.A., Sub-Warden, Fellow and Tutor of Merton College, Oxford. Editor of Statius' Thebaid and Achilleid ; Manili Astronomicon, Liber II ; 'The Oxford Book of Latin Verse,' &c.*

Mr. D. A. SLATER tells me that he is a candidate for the post of Professor of Latin in Bedford College, London ; and it gives me great pleasure to express the high admiration which I have for his powers both in teaching and in scholarship. To his gifts as a teacher I can bear the witness of an old pupil. Mr. SLATER gave life and meaning to the study of the ancient classics just for the reason that he had a most perfect sympathy with his subject as well as with those whom he taught. He made ancient life and literature, particularly ancient poetry, real to others because they were so real to himself. It was all done in a natural and personal fashion, without pedantry ; yet one felt that this naturalness of method concealed an austerity of scholarship.

As a scholar Mr. SLATER has achieved work marked by learning, judgement, and delicacy of taste. As a writer of Greek and Latin verse of fine quality he is well known by his volume of *Tentamina*. His translation of the *Silvae* of Statius is a translation made with great skill and judgement : but it is something more than a translation. It is to a large extent a commentary and an interpretation, full of interesting criticism and suggestion. Upon Statius, Vergil, Catullus, Ovid, Mr. SLATER has published in the various classical journals noteworthy papers. He is at present engaged upon an edition of the text of the *Metamorphoses* of Ovid. I have had the pleasure of seeing considerable portions of this work in manuscript, and it appears to me to be a real and substantial contribution to Ovidian scholarship.

I feel confident that the Electors to the Chair of Latin in Bedford College, should they select Mr. SLATER, will have a Professor who will both sustain and increase the prestige of the College.

H. W. GARROD.

March 29. 1918. 476

Balliol College,
Oxford.

Dear Sir

Prof. Kennedy has very already spoken to you about a candidate for your Latin Chair, Prof. Slater, and in a letter which I received from him lately he expressed a wish that I would write to you directly and send you Prof. Slater's "academic record". I am sending you therefore the testimonials which he had printed when he was a candidate for the Latin chair at London University. I should explain that the title of this chair is "Prof. of Latin in the University of London" - the title is granted by the University. His work however is mainly at Bedford College, a college for women, which is part of the University. I believe that it is partly his desire to teach men that is making him wish to go to Toronto.

As to Prof. Slater's qualifications I can little to add to

What I have already written to Prof. Kennedy. It is some time since I have met Prof. Slater personally; but my recollections of him are very pleasant, and all his friends speak of him in the highest terms both as a man and a teacher. The President of Magdalen has written about him to Dr. Hutton, I believe —

There remains one point. I have told Prof. Slater what the salary is. It is difficult, of course, for us over here to tell what $4,000 would correspond to in England, especially in these times of very high prices, but in any case the expenses of the move would be very considerable. If he were selected, would it be possible for the University to pay his passage out? This is I believe done pretty frequently in such cases. Would it now be the correct thing for Prof. Slater to write to you formally offering himself as a candidate?

I am

Yours very truly

F. F. Wiglesworth.

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MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

April 8th. 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer K.C.M.G., etc.,
President of the University of Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert Falconer.

I have just got your very kind, full, and interesting letter in reply to mine, about the vacant Professorship at your University, and my friend Professor Slater.

I do not know Mr. Glover, but of course I know about him, and know some of his works, and I have a real regard for him. He is undoubtedly a man of much distinction and of high character and aims. What I do not know, is, what you will know, because, of course, he was at Kingston for five years, that is, how good he is as a teacher, and as an organizer of studies.

Slater is a really unusual teacher. He has just arrived at something like his proper recognition as a scholar and a Professor. He was kept back in earlier years by the difficulties of a school master's life from doing professorial work, for which he was always fitted.

I do not think that the question of his son would really be such a difficulty as you suppose, because the boy is now getting up and would, before long, pass on to the University stage, and, either with you, or

Sir Robert Falconer.

at McGill, he would, I think, find ample opportunity. He is inclined towards science and engineering.

Of course as I said in my previous letter, the question of age is serious, but then I think you cannot get young men just now.

Mr. Glover is, I see, close on 50, so that he is only two or three years younger than Slater.

I wrote, the other day, to your colleague, my friend Maurice Hutton, and have no doubt that before this you will have seen my letter to him.

I should very much like to see Toronto again. I wonder whether I ever shall.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert Warren

The University of Chicago

Oct. 11/18.

My Dear Sir Robert:

Dr. R.O.Jolliffe of the University of Manitoba is, I understand, a candidate for the headship of the Latin department in the University of Toronto. On the basis of an intimate acquaintance extending over a number of years, I should like to say a word regarding his fitness for the position. In the matter of scholarship you need have no doubts. Both in Toronto and in Chicago he was easily the leader in his classes. Indeed I am sure we have not had an abler student in the Latin department since I joined the faculty. It not infrequently happens that Canadians engaged in graduate work in American universities become so enthusiastic in the pursuit of research that they lose sight of the excellencies of the British-Canadian system and ideals. Mr Jolliffe did not make this mistake; he appreciates the good points of both systems. Consequently you may be sure that he would teach the Toronto Classical course with sympathy and enthusiasm. At the same time he is excellently equipped to direct graduate work. My information regarding his work in Manitoba has come directly from his students and colleagues. The impression I have gained is that he is regarded both by students and faculty as an exceptionally strong teacher. Mr. Jolliffe's experience as a successful Ontario High School teacher and his experience in Manitoba, where he has been teaching a course frankly based on the Toronto honor course, are very distinct advantages. He would step into a system with which he is familiar. There would be no loss due to the necessity for readjustment.

The University of Chicago

The future of the Classics is uncertain. Those who believe in them need leadership. Mr. Jolliffe is just the type of man to be an effective leader of the Ontario Classical teachers and to present the case for the Classics in a worthy manner both in professional circles and before the general public. He has infectious enthusiasm, untiring energy, and a physical capacity for work that is rare. He writes and speaks extremely well. Few men in any field have such an effective control of language. You would find him not only a competent head of the Latin department but a realiable and helpful colleague ever ready to serve the interests of the University.

In writing this letter I have tried not to allow my high regard for Mr. Jolliffe to interfere in any way with my judgment as to the kind of man you need to carry on the splendid traditions, so dear to all Toronto classical men.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the well deserved honor conferred upon you by the king. I am glad that you were able to go abroad. It would be a great advantage to North America if more of its leaders could view the conflict at short range.

I shall be glad to answer any question regarding Mr Jolliffe's work in Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. Bonner

The University of Chicago

Oct.25th 1918.

My Dear Sir Robert;

You are quite justified in asking how Jolliffe stands, in comparison with men like Mustard and Fairclough. So far as Fairclough is concerned I would say at once, that, if you can secure him, you need have no doubt that he is an excellent man. I found him an inspiring teacher and I have no reason to believe that this is not the impression formed by his students generally. The only reservation I have is a conviction that he is a snob; but it took me so long to find it out that I doubt if the matter deserves any consideration. There is just one question I should like to raise .Fairclough is 56, while Joliffe is about 40. Is it safe to take a man, who has made his mark, and put him into a situation where he must adjust himself to entirely new conditions? Apart from this consideration I should not think of urging Jolliffe's claims against Fairclough.

Mustard is two years younger than Fairclough. In some respects I regard him as a better scholar than Fairclough.But I feel that it would be a grave mistake to call him to Toronto at this time, because he is not an effective teacher.As he was one of my teachers in Toronto Ihave no doubt on this point.A recent report, that seems quite reliable, is to the same effect. For this, if for no other reason, I should say that Jolliffe is to be preferred to Mustard

It is not an easy matter to convey one's impressions of different men within the compass of a letter .Ishould prefer to talk them over in the

course of a walk along the lake front. Perhaps you may be in Chicago before you reach a decision. If you come this way Mrs Bonner and I should be glad to have you visit us.

The war situation is most encouraging. But each time the president is to write a note or make a speech I am alarmed lest he may lose sight of the realities and indulge in rhetoric. I am still trying to fathom the implications of the last note. However, he will not disregard public opinion which is overwhelmingly in favor of unconditional surrender and drastic peace terms. Milner's view that, of the belligerents the U.S would be the most unyielding, has been justified.

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. Bonner

MANITOBA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
FOR FARM & HOME
J. B. REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT
WINNIPEG

Winnipeg.

2nd November, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear President Falconer,

I am informed that Professor R. O. Jolliffe, of Manitoba University, is a candidate for a vacant professorship in Latin at the University of Toronto.

I have known Professor Jolliffe for several years slightly, and for the last two years intimately. He is a man of exceptionally strong personality. I have not actually observed his teaching, but I have heard him discourse about teaching, and especially about the teaching of Latin, and I am well assured that his work as a professor is of a high order. I know also of his antecedents and his upbringing, and they were of the best this country affords. Personally I should be sorry to lose him from among my circle of friends, and I know he would be a valuable acquisition to any society of intellectuals and to any University.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Reynolds

PRESIDENT.

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31 Oct 1918

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,

I hear that the name of Dr R.O. Jolliffe is mentioned in connection with the Chair of Latin in Toronto University.

If I may give my judgment uninvited will you let me say he is an admirable teacher? This I knew as a member of the University Council and when my daughter took the Honours Course in Classics I was able to see his work at closer range. There is nothing of the mere grammarian about him. He is a personality of force and succeeds in investing the work of the curriculum with living interest. There is no doubt about his power to inspire.

My chief objection to him is that he is a rank Methodist. but time and the Union Committee will remedy that.

Yours with sincere regard
David Christie

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The University of Chicago

EDITORIAL OFFICE

Classical Philology

October 24, 1918.

Dear President Falconer:

I am informed that Dr. R. O. Jolliffe of the University of Manitoba is a candidate for a chair of Latin at the University of Toronto. Dr. Jolliffe's principal subject at the University of Chicago was Latin, but he attended several of my Greek classes and I had good opportunity to observe him. I formed a most favorable opinion of him as a man and as a scholar. He had the qualities of mind that would make a good teacher, and he taught undergraduate classes successfully at the University of Chicago. It gives me pleasure to say a word in his favor to you, and at the same time to recall myself to your memory if you have not altogether forgotten our conversations on that voyage home which now seems so far away.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Shorey

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Sir Robert Falconer,

Dear sir,

Mr. Jolliffe, a candidate for a professorship in the University of Toronto, has asked me to write in his behalf. I am very glad to do so, and without any reservations. Of his teaching I have no knowledge, except a natural inference from his stay in Winnipeg that he is successful in the classroom. From my personal and professional contact with him here in Chicago I gathered that he was a man of unusually high character, sound scholarship, and broad interests. His work was done with conscientious thoroughness and utmost intelligence; the results were solid and substantial, and showed a high seriousness of thought, careful method, and alert mental reaction. Personally he is altogether attractive, physically well built, courteous and refined in manner, an impressive personality. I should have no doubt that he would exert a strong influence in the community and of the best sort.

Cordially yours,

Humphreys Rolfe

Prof. of Classical Philology

University of Chicago,

Oct. 25/18.

University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 27/18

Dear President Falconer

I am writing to you in behalf of Mr R. O. Jolliffe, who tells me that he is a candidate for the vacant professorship of Latin at Toronto, & am influenced both by his excellent scholarship and by his personal qualities.

He was here for some years as a graduate student in Latin and Greek, and two years ago took his Ph. D., Latin was his major subject, and as he did his doctoral dissertation under me I was in close touch with his work. He has a very keen mind; one that is

logical, shrewd, and distinctly inclined to close and thorough analysis of the subject in hand. These qualities came out in all his courses here, but they are most clearly exemplified in his dissertation "Administrative Corruption in the Last Half Century of the Roman Republic", which will be published at the end of this academic year. In short, so far as his scholarship is concerned, I know of no better example than Dolliffe of what can be accomplished by the Toronto undergraduate course, with its wide reading, skilful instruction and rigid examination, followed by three years in an American graduate school. His classical course has done for him what we classical apologists claim a classical training can do for the world in general: they have made him a rigorous thinker with the ability to express

himself in strong virile English.

Of his ability as a teacher I cannot of course speak at first hand as I have done in regard to his scholarship. This information you will be able to get from others. I should expect him, simply from his personality, to be very successful in the class-room.

There is another angle from which his candidacy seems to me worthy of endorsement. It is that he is the kind of man who will be able to defend his subject. Just how important that phase of the subject is in Toronto you know much better than I. Over here the situation is acute. Jolliffe is not merely one of the theoretical champions of classical training, of whom there are swarms in all classical libraries, but he is a man who can and will fight for his cause. I believe that he would be a strong force among the High School teachers of Ontario

With kind regards
Yours truly
G. J. Laing

The University of Chicago

Sir Robert Falconer,

President of the University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in expressing to you my very favorable opinion of Professor Jolliffe, who is a candidate for the professorship of Latin under your charge. He was a student here some years ago, as you have of course been told, and took my most advanced and general course. He began it with a system of ideas wholly different from those to which I had myself come. I found him not only very intelligent, and balanced in judgment, but capable of thinking out problems, and reaching results opposed to his former beliefs, if the evidence pointed that way. I formed in this course, which continued through

the year, a high idea of his mental powers.

Personally, he is very agreeable, and interesting. That was the judgment of all his instructors, and obviously, as one could see in the meetings of our classical club, the judgment of his fellow-students.

I am, Sir,

Very truly yours,

W. G. Hale.

Head of Department of Latin.

Chicago, Oct. 29, 1918

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The University of Chicago

Classical Philology

EDITORIAL OFFICE

October 31, 1918.

Dear President Falconer:

Without qualifying my recommendation of Dr. Jolliffe, I shall have to recognise that Professor Fairclough and Professor Mustard are riper scholars than he and have accomplished more. I know neither of them intimately but think well of them both. Professor Mustard, as you perhaps know, has rather specialised on what in America is called comparative literature, studying the influence of the Classics and reminiscences in Renaissance and modern English literature. You and your advisors at Toronto would best judge whether that is the kind of work that you most need and wish at Toronto. Since this is confidential I shall permit myself to add that I doubt if anyone of the three knows more Latin than Woodhead who is now working with you knows Greek.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Shorey

The University
of Chicago
ELMER T. MERRILL

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Nov. 1, 1918.

The President,
The University of Toronto:
Dear Sir Robert Falconer:

Will you permit me to say a few words about Professor R. O. Jolliffe, who, as I am told, is being considered as a candidate for the chair of Latin in your University? He is well known to me, having been a pupil of mine in various courses in this University, and a member of my Seminar. It seems almost trivial to say that he is a man of most excellent ability and of precise and critical scholarly attainments. You doubtless know all this. He has a very marked solidity and vigor of intellectual as well as of other character. In more than thirty years of college teaching I have only once or twice had a man among my students whose work and sound sense I found so satisfactory. And he has also in a marked degree the qualities needed in a teacher as well as those pertaining to a scholar. As a man also he is thoroughly approvable--upright, sturdy, vigorous, agreeable. I feel no shadow of hesitation in saying that he would be a perfectly satisfactory man for your post, and I should suppose that his especial training as a Toronto man, with ample Canadian experience and additional study in another type of University like that here, would make him presumptively a much better man for the place than any person from the United States or from Great Britain. I might spin out these expressions to greater length, but I could not, I think, add to their force or sincerity.

Faithfully yours,

Elmer Truesdell Merrill.

(Professor of Latin in the University of Chicago)

WM. TALBOT ALLISON
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

WESLEY COLLEGE
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WINNIPEG

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Nov. 2,1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President University of Toronto,

Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,-

In accordance with the request of Professor R.O.Jolliffe I am writing to say a word or two regarding his standing and influence in educational circles in Winnipeg.

Before Dr. Jolliffe became professor of classics in the University, he and I were on the staff of Wesley college together for a number of years,so that I had every opportunity to form an estimate of his character and achievements. After knowing him for nine years in this intimate way I may say that there is no man in Winnipeg for whom I have a higher regard. He has a very strong personality and this commends him both to his students and friends. He is exceedingly successful as a teacher. I think he is a born teacher,and teachers and poets are born not made. There is no man in this university who is more energetic or assiduous in carrying out every duty assigned to him,whether it is in the class-room or without. He never spares himself or his students in his regular college work,and so great is his capacity that the faculty of the University overwork him in loading him up with committee work. As a member of the University Council,one of four I believe in representing the university faculty,he is an outstanding figure. His opinion carries great weight in all deliberations affecting the interests of higher education in this city and province. Professor Jolliffe is also a prominent man in the life of the city. Last year he was President of the Laymen's Association of the Manitoba Methodist Conference. An earnest Christian,he is a strong force for good

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in his own church and in the life of the city as well.

In conclusion I wish to speak of Dr. Jolliffe's style as a lecturer. Last winter he gave a public lecture on "The Strength and Weakness of Athenian Democracy" before a large audience. It was the most able deliverance of the whole series that the University men offered last season. Dr. Jolliffe has a genial personality and forceful delivery which enable him to get into touch with any audience. In the class-room his gift of humor brightens up the stiffest Latin prose sessions. There is no professor in Winnipeg whose sayings are oftener quoted than his; in this respect he resembles Professor Hutton of your own University.

The thing, however, that I like best about Dr. Jolliffe is not his sound scholarship, nor his power as a lecturer, but his frank and fearless advocacy of everything that he thinks is right. He is a man first and a professor second; he is just about the biggest Canadian and unquestionably the most attractive personality in the University of Manitoba.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

William T. Allison

Manitoba College.
WINNIPEG.

November 4th, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,

Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Falconer,-

Professor R. O. Jolliffe of the University of Manitoba has asked me to say something to you about his qualifications.

As to his scholarship, I have a high opinion and when I have now and then talked to him about classical problems I have been much interested and, indeed, impressed by his learning and insight, but on this subject I am sure you will receive testimony from scholars who have a better right to speak.

Let me dwell rather on his qualities as a teacher and on his influence in university life and work.

Professor Jolliffe has qualities of a conspicuous and attractive kind which make him a real and outstanding personality. His opinions are vital, they are vigorously held and they are advocated or defended in language that one does not easily forget. With some of these opinions (mostly on minor matters) I have little or no sympathy, but they are always set forth and backed up in a way that one cannot ignore.

Judith Griffith has something of the Christian gift of Allan Edward Blanchard and of John McNaughton with a minimum of their oddities

This is one of the elements of his teaching power. He has a most interesting faculty of making the incidents of a seemingly colorless lesson relate themselves luminously to big issues and eternal principles. The senior students especially unite in admiration of him. I remember last winter, at a social function in the Manitoba College Women's Residence, seeing him the centre first of one circle of admiring girls, and then of another. who either giggled delightedly at his nonsense or hung with breathless interest on his vehemently expressed opinions.

For loafers and slackers in his classes he has a keen eye and a scathing tongue, and the system of requiring exercises, in Latin Prose for instance, gives him an excellent opportunity of keeping track of each member of the class, and woe betide the easy-going undergraduate who gets into the way of presenting excuses rather than exercises.

Tact is not his outstanding quality, but the conspicuous honesty of his convictions and his fresh and vivid way of expressing them have made him something of a leader in the University faculty.

I ought to say, too, that he is a devout Christian man - son of a Methodist parsonage - and that he takes a real though unobtrusive part in the work of the Methodist Church.

Hé is a first rate teacher and an interesting man. I am, Yours truly,

Andrew B. Baird

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

November 10th, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Professor R. A. Jolliffe informs me that he is under consideration for a professorship at Toronto. I am very glad to be able to say a good word in his behalf. I had him in my classes at the University of Chicago and knew him very well outside of the class room. He is a first-rate classical scholar and if I am a judge of such matters, a highly efficient and very effective teacher. He is aggressive and enthusiastic - such a man as a friend of the classics would like to see in Canadian strongholds of classical studies.

Sincerely yours,
(Captain) Charles H. Beeson.
1822 Ingleside Terrace,
Washington, D. C.

The University of Chicago

Dec 10/18.

My Dear Sir Robert;

My delay in answering your letter regarding Frank of Bryn Mawr is due to an attack of influenza. Fortunately there have been no complications and I expect to resume my work tomorrow.

As fellow student and colleague of Frank in Chicago I know him very well. In common with some of my present colleagues I have never ceased to regret that he was allowed to leave Chicago. It was a serious mistake. As a scholar I regard him as the most promising man in the country and I think classical men in general would agree with me. It is invidious to make comparisons and not always fair, but I dont mind saying that he is a stronger scholar than any man we have discussed. If you had a strong graduate department and wished a man to conduct it as a going concern you could not do better. But in view of the precarious condition of Latin all along the line it would be doubtful policy to elect any one who had not some familiarity with the system to begin with. Canadians teaching here have the advantage of gaining some insight into the system while students in the graduate schools. But an American would go into Toronto without this initial advantage. It seems to me it would be a hazardous experiment to venture at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. Bonner.

Zion Methodist Church
Rev. Eber Crummy, D.D.
Pastor

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Moose Jaw, Sask. November 23rd 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
Toronto University,
TORONTO. ONT.

My dear Sir Robert,

I have been informed that in seeking a successor to the late Prof.Fletcher., the name of Prof. Jolliffe, of Manitoba University is, possibly amongst others, being considered by yourself and the Board of the University. As I have had during the past nine years rather unusual opportunities to come into contact with Prof.Jolliffe and his work, it has occurred to me that a reference to the impression he makes upon those with whom he is associated might be of service to you.

While Prof.Jolliffe was on the staff of Wesley College I was a member of the College Board, while at the same time my two sons were his students as honor men in Classics. Then later,after he had joined the University Staff, I had occasion as Principal of Wesley College, and a member of the University Council, to be associated very closely with him. He was by the way during these years a member of the Council also. In addition to all this, in the Summer of 1912 I visited the Mediterranean with Prof.Jolliffe and was enabled to observe somewhat more closely his method as a student.

It is hardly necessary for me to refer to his scholarship. I have no doubt this in its scope and thoroughness both of which are worthy of remark, is well known to yourself, and to any others whose opinion upon that aspect of the case you may invite.

It is to Prof.Jolliffe's outstanding qualities as a man and a teacher I would especially like to refer. I don't think I know any finer instance of the more virile type of manhood than Prof. Jolliffe supplies, either amongst our Canadian teachers, or for that matter elsewhere. The value of this, I am sure you will agree with me, is hard to over estimate. Whether we consider him as a student, or as a teacher or as a citizen, this characteristic leaves its impress on everything he does. Among our Western teachers I don't think any others has won or deserved a higher reputation for the influence he has exerted upon his students. One hardly knows which to admire most, the obstacles he overcomes in making students of those under his charge, or the contribution he makes toward making men of them.

I shall regret it for the sake of the West if Prof.Jolliffe goes to Toronto, but anything that will add to the strength of our leading Canadian University, will, in the end, be of advantage to us all. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Ebr Crummy